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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN TERRORIST LEADER REPORTED EXECUTED

1. FOLLOWING STORY APPEARED IN FEBRUARY 10 NEW YORK TIMES
DATELINED ROME, FEBRUARY 9. QUOTE: A SPOKESMAN FOR THE
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION HAS STATED THAT THE
LEADER OF GUERRILLAS WHO ATTACKED A UNITED STATES AIRLINER
AT ROME'S AIRPORT IN DECEMBER, 1973, "EXECUTED," THE
ITALIAN COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER L'UNITA REPORTED TODAY. PARA.
THE ATTACK AGAINST THE ISRAEL-BOUND PAN AMERICAN WORLD
AIRWAYS JETLINER CAUSED THE DEATH OF 32 PERSONS. THE TER-
RORISTS COMMANDERED A LUFTHANSA AIRLINER AND EVENTUALLY
LANDED IN KUWAIT. PARA. ACCORDING TO L'UNITA, THE REP-
RESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN
ITALY, NEMER HAMMAD, TOLD A QUESTIONER DURING A PUBLIC
DEBATE IN PISTOIA, NEAR FLORENCE, LAST WEEK THAT HIS
MOVEMENT CONSIDERED TERRORISM "HARMFUL TO THE PALESTINIAN
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CAUSE." PARA. THE PALESTINIAN SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS

HAVING SAID THAT THE LEADER OF THE AIRPORT ATTACK HAD BEEN "EXECUTED FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION" AND THAT THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE "SERVING PRISON TERMS." PARA. THE PALESTINIAN DID NOT IDENTIFY THE MEN WHO HE SAID HAD BEEN EXECUTED OR NAME THE PLACE WHERE THE PRISONERS WERE BEING HELD. UNQUOTE.

2. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, WHEREABOUTS THESE MEN, AS WELL AS

TUNIS HIJACKERS AND THE PRISONERS FROM THE HAGUE, NOT KNOWN PRECISELY. LAST REPORTS INDICATED THEY COULD BE IN LIBYA.

3. CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT FROM POSTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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